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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST ISSUES IN MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY-
ISRAELI UNGA SUSPENSION AND ZIONISM/RACISM

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1. DURING MEETING WITH FONMIN MAKKAWI MAY 5 ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, AMBASSADOR WENT OVER WITH HIM OUR CONCERNS RE POSSIBLE ACTION ON ISRAELI SUSPENSION ISSUE AT ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN ISTANBUL.

MAKKAWI ADMITTED MATTER MIGHT COME UP BUT SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO HANDLE, PARTICULARLY WITH ISRAELI SUSPENSION OF JERUSALEM. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT SUSPENSION UNMEMBER HARDLY SEEMED WAY TO ENCOURAGE SUPPORT FOR UN RESOLUTIONS ON PART THAT STATE. IF ISSUE WOULD BE DIFFICULT HANDLE, PERHAPS SOME EFFORT COULD BE MADE WITH FRIENDLY COLLEAGUES TO SEE THAT IT IS NOT RAISED FORMALLY. MAKKAWI WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC.

2. AMBASSADOR ALSO NOTED SIMILARLY NEGATIVE EFFECT ON US PUBLIC AND CONGRESS OF ZIONISM AND RACISM ISSUE. MAKKAWI (WHO LED GOS DELEGATION) NOTED THAT THIS ISSUE HAD COME UP IN DAKAR AND SAID IT MIGHT WELL BE RAISED IN ISTANBUL. AMBASSADOR CALLED ATTENTION USG POSITION THAT WE
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WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY MEETINGS WHERE THIS FORMALLY IS IN

VOTE AND THAT SUBJECT RESOLUTION LIKELY BE SELF-DEFEATING IN TERMS US INVOLVEMENT IN "DECADE OD ACTION" MANIFESTATIONS AGAINST APARTHEID. WE UNDERSTOOD SOVIETS AND OTHERS WERE AGITATING ISSUE BUT THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES SHOULD FALL FOR SUCH SELF-INTERESTED PLOYS. MAKKAWI INDICATED FULL UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEM BUT OFFERED NO ENCOURAGEMENT THAT IT WOULD BE AVOIDED IN ISTANBUL.

3. ACCORDING PRESS, GOS DELEGATION TO ISTANBUL CONFERENCE WILL BE HEADED BY MINISTER OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS AND ENDOWMENTS, DR. AWN EL SHAREIF GASIM. CHOICE OF LATTER, TOGETHER WITH MAKKAWI'S POINTED REFERENCE TO ISRAEL'S OCCUPATION OF JERUSALEM, SUGGESTS THAT GOS ATTITUDE AT MEETING LIKELY BE UNHELPFUL TO US. BEST WE CAN PROBABLY EXPECT IS THAT GOS WILL QUIETLY SUPPORT EGYPT AND OTHER MODERATE BELL-WEATHERS IN SOMEHOW FINESSING ISSUE IN UNLIKELY EVENT THAT PROVES POSSIBLE. BREWER

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